(d) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified. Intelligence is targeted to identify persons involved in smuggling activities and closed coordination is maintained among all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Shifting of Telephone Connection

*183. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow telephone subscribers to shift their telephone connection anywhere in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the procedure therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to permit shifting of telephones on all-India basis.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The conditions under which the shifting of telephones on all-India basis is admissible are:

(i) The shift should normally be allowed either if the date of initial application for the new telephone connection falls within the release period of the specific category pertaining to the exchange to which it is required to be shifted or if the telephone has worked for a period of at least three years in the exchange area from where it is required to be shifted; whichever is earlier.

(ii) The subscriber who desires to shift the telephone on all-India basis will submit an application, in the form prescribed for shifting of telephone to the competent authority having jurisdiction of the place from where the telephone is to be shifted, who will treat the telephone as closed and furnish a certificate to the subscriber indicating *inter-alia* the date from which the telephone has been working, the registration particulars of the telephone connection, etc. The subscriber should apply to the competent telecom authority, having jurisdiction of the place to which the telephone is to be shifted enclosing the above certificate, who will provide the telephone connection at the new place, if the conditions mentioned above are satisfied.

(iii) Installation charges should be paid afresh for installation of telephone connection at the new place.

(iv) In the case of OYT subscribers the competent telecom authority having jurisdiction over the place from which telephone is to be shifted should return the balance amount of OYT deposit, if any, to the subscriber alongwith a certificate. The applicant for shifting will have to deposit the above balance amount at the new place alongwith his application so that he should continue to be treated as OYT subscriber.

These instructions take effect from 1-7-1992

डाक के शीघ्र वितरण के लिये सॉर्टिंग मशीनों का प्रयोग

*184. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार डाक के शीघ्र वितरण के लिए सॉर्टिंग मशीनों का इस्तेमाल करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सुविधा को कौन-कौन से शहरों में शुरू किया जायेगा; और